

Join the experts

Be part of the schools team in UNISON

Times are tough in schools these days. Cuts are biting hard and the pressure is on you to keep things running smoothly with fewer resources and fewer staff.

It's a good time to have the backing of UNISON – the largest union for all school support staff – whether that's a local authority school, academy or free school.

We understand the issues you face and we are respected by employers and governments to negotiate on behalf of our 250,000 members who work in schools.

There are many benefits to being in a union – turn the page to find out more...





Why should I join UNISON?

Whatever your role in your school, UNISON offers all its school support staff members:

- Professional and expert advice and guidance, including publications on dealing with challenging behaviour in schools and supporting pupils with health needs.
- Our Skills for Schools website, with information and help about training and career development.
- Regional CPD events on issues such as dealing with autism, behaviour management and special educational needs.
- Training and learning opportunities, in person and online.
- A helpline open till midnight.
- Expert legal advice should you need it at work (T&Cs apply).
- A free annual schools seminar open to all members covering workplace and professional issues.
- Regular email updates on your professional issues and union activity.
- A national school sector committee, which agrees the union's policies and priorities for school support staff and leads national negotiations.
- A termly newsletter for support staff members with the latest on education issues across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



And that's not all you get...

All UNISON members also have access to:

- UNISON's charity There for You, which is there in times of crisis. There for You can help with debt advice, a credit union, financial assistance and school uniform grants. You can also get involved in their fundraising events, which are lots of fun.
 - UNISON's own family-friendly Croyde Bay holiday resort in north Devon, offering 15% off breaks for UNISON members, rising to 50% off for low-paid members.
 - Expert legal help for you at work and your family at home (T&Cs apply).
- Discounts that can save you and your family money when shopping, buying insurance or looking for a holiday.
 - Other regional learning opportunities and union learning reps across the country.
 - The chance to be part of a community that speaks out on the issues that matter to you. And free, accredited training if you want to get more involved in your union.



UNISON welcomes the whole support staff team, including:

- teaching assistants
 - learning mentors
 - school business managers
 - technicians
 - cleaners
 - caretakers
 - catering staff
 - exams officers
 - admin staff
 - finance staff
 - librarians
 - parent support advisers
- ...to name just a few.

And we need you too...

We develop our campaigns and make decisions through democratic elected structures, so UNISON relies on your experiences and information to inform our work. This means that when we talk to government, employers and professional bodies we know we truly are speaking up for you.

UNISON speaks out for school support staff at a national and local level on education policy, career development and professional standards. We also campaign for better pay, conditions and working hours...and the more members we have, the stronger our voice – so join us today!



Join us by calling

0800 171 2193
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